

**OPINION SUMMARY**  
**MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS EASTERN DISTRICT**

**DIVISION TWO**

STATE OF MISSOURI,	)	No. ED103440
	)	
Respondent,	)	
	)	Appeal from the Circuit Court
	)	of the City of St. Louis
vs.	)	Cause No. 1422-CR00548-01
	)	
TAJEAON RUCKER,	)	Honorable Margaret Mary Neill
	)	
Appellant.	)	Filed: February 28, 2017

Following a jury trial, Tajeaon Rucker (“Defendant”) was convicted of first-degree child molestation and third-degree assault. After Defendant waived jury sentencing, the trial court sentenced him to eight years in prison for child molestation and 15 days in county jail for his third-degree assault conviction. On appeal, Defendant failed to show the trial court plainly erred in admitting evidence of prior criminal acts.

AFFIRMED.

Division Two Holds: The trial court did not clearly err by admitting evidence of Defendant’s prior criminal acts, and article I, section 18(c) of the Missouri Constitution was applicable to this trial because it pertains to “prosecutions” and applies prospectively to all trials taking place after its effective date of December 4, 2014.

Opinion by: Colleen Dolan, J.

Sherri B. Sullivan, P.J., and Roy L. Richter, J., concur.

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